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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ATHERTON AND ENDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OIL AND PROFESSOR LENCZOWSKI

1. PROF. GEORGE LENCZOWSKI OF BERKELEY IS CURRENTLY IN MID-EAST PREPARING ARTICLE ON POLICIES OF OIL PRODUCING STATES FOR DAEDALUS MAGAZINE UNDER ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GRANT. IN TEHRAN HE SPOKE WITH SAHA AND AMOUZEGAR, AMONG OTHERS. HE IS NOW IN SAUDI ARABIA WHERE HE HAS APPOINTMENTS WITH KING AND YAMANI, AND WILL ALSO SEE RULERS AND OIL MINISTERS OF SEVERAL OTHER PRODUCING STATES BEFORE RETURNING TO US IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. LENCZOWSKI CLEARLY HAS ACCESS TO POLICY MAKERS THROUGHOUT REGION (THIS WAS HIS TWELFTH AUDIENCE WITH SHAH) AND I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR SENIOR US OIL POLICY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DEBRIEF HIM WHEN HE RETURNS. PERHAPS WHAT THIS PRIVATE SCHOLAR HAS TO SAY WOULD BE USEFUL AND CREDIBLE SUPPLEMENT TO WHAT WE AND OTHER EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN REPORTING.

3. ON RELATED SUBJECT, MEL LAIRD ASKED LENCZOWSKI TO URGE YAMANI, ATIQUI OF KUWAIT, AND OTHER ARAB OIL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND WASHINGTON OIL CONFERENCES SPONSORED BY AMERICAN ENTERPROSE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICIES RESEARCH OCTOBER 4-5, BUT DID NOT MAKE SAME PITCH TO IRANIANS. FROM OUR ADMITTEDLY PAROCHIAL POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN US INTEREST

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AND DESIRABLE FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO HAVE IRAN REPRESENTED

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